

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
U.S. Appln. No. 09/889,846

REMARKS

In paragraph 3, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 8-14 and 17-20 are pending.

In paragraph 5, on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 8-14 are rejected, while Claims 17-20 have been allowed.

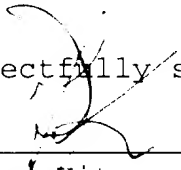
In paragraph 4, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner maintains the rejection of Claims 8-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sempere et al.

Applicants hereby cancel Claims 8-14 without prejudice to pursue the same in a Continuation Application.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments set forth above, reexamination, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington telephone number on any questions which might arise.

Respectfully submitted,



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